श्री सभापति: माननीय मंत्री महोदय, एक बात सुन लीजिए, क्वेश्चन ऑवर खत्म होने वाला है। यह बहुत ही गंभीर विषय है और इससे बहुत लोग पीड़ित हैं। इस क्षेत्र में किस प्रकार से सुधार किया जा सकता है, इस संबंध में जल्दी से जल्दी कोई ऐसी कार्यवाही कीजिए ताकि इस प्रकार की अव्यवस्था न रहे और लोगों को पीड़ा न भोगनी पड़े।

The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Losses due to Shortage of Aircrafts

†*211. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India and Indian Airlines have shortage of aircrafts and most of the aircrafts are quite old;

(b) if so, the total number of aircrafts with these companies separately alongwith the age of each aircrafts; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the two airlines are incurring losses due to shortage of aircrafts, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India and Indian Airlines are having 31 and 47 aircraft each and with an average age of 14.79 and 15.7 years respectively.

(c) No, Sir. Air India has made a net profit of Rs. 15.44 crores and Rs. 133.85 crores during the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively. As regards Indian Airlines, losses incurred by them are not attributable to shortage of aircraft alone.

Special Tourism Areas

*212. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places identified in various States for developing them into special tourism areas, State-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.